

## **Attention Dental Providers**

## MassHealth Has Begun Accepting Dental Claims on the ADA Claim Form, Versions 2002 and 2004.

Starting on Tuesday, April 18, 2006, MassHealth began accepting paper claims for dental services on the American Dental Association (ADA) Claim Form from all MassHealth dental providers. This is the first step in our transition from the MassHealth claim form no. 11 to the ADA Claim Form. The last day that we will accept the claim form no. 11 is June 30, 2006. Beginning July 1, 2006, all MassHealth dental providers billing on paper must use the ADA Claim Form, either version 2002 or 2004, regardless of the date services were provided.

The transition to the ADA Claim Form affects only paper claims. If you are currently billing your MassHealth claims through the 837D electronic transaction, which is the fastest, most accurate method of submitting claims, your billing processes are unaffected by this change.

Detailed field-by-field instructions for completing the ADA Claim Form for MassHealth are available in Dental Bulletin 34.

July 1<sup>st</sup> is fast approaching. Make sure you know how the transition will affect you. Take advantage of the time between now and June 30, 2006, to make sure your practice experiences a seamless conversion to the ADA Claim Form, or consider transitioning to electronic billing. MassHealth offers free <a href="Provider Claims Submission Software">Provider Claims Submission Software</a> (PCSS) to make electronic billing easier than ever before.